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Crop Report for the week of May 29, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 85 per cent of the 2005 crop as of May 29, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The five-year average for seeding completion at this date is 86 per cent.

Wet and/or windy weather during the past week limited the progress of fieldwork in many areas of the province.

Crops are generally emerging well. Some crop reporters indicated that later-seeded crops appear to be emerging better than early-seeded crops.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop, hay and pasture land remained similar to the previous week. More than 80 per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate. Localized areas, primarily in the southwest, report short topsoil moisture conditions due to the wind's drying action.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April with more than two-thirds of the reporters rating pastures in their area as good to excellent. Many pastures have sufficient moisture, but are lacking heat units for good growth. Livestock water supplies are reported to be adequate across the province.

Farmers are concerned about the minimal weed control before crop emergence due to cool, windy weather. There are a few reports of flea beetles and cutworms, but the most damaging of crop pests are gophers in the southwest.

Frost was reported in south western and west central areas, but there are no damage estimates at this time.

Seeding Progress in SK
per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 29/05	85
5-year Avg. (2000-04)	86
May 31/04	79
Jun 1/03	91
May 26/02	74
May 27/01	93
May 28/00	95

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 29/05	May 30/04
1a	69	35
1b	80	62
2a	89	51
2b	85	77
3an	92	71
3ase	93	52
3asw	87	22
3bn	95	88
3bs	97	76
4a	98	88
4b	99	98
5a	81	78
5b	73	83
6a	85	87
6b	88	94
7a	94	96
7b	91	96
8a	77	93
8b	85	94
9ae	91	93
9aw	85	88
9b	69	89
Prov.	85	80

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1 Year Ago

Farmers had seeded 80% of the 2004 crop.

Cool, wet weather slowed seeding progress in many areas of the province.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved.

Pasture conditions were variable with the poorest pastures in the west central region.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

Cool, damp, and windy weather was general in the southeast during the past week. An average of 10 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CDs 2b and 3ase.

Reasonable seeding progress was made this past week to bring the southeast seeding completion up to 82%. Crop District 3ase is furthest advanced at 93% complete while CD 1a is least advanced at 69% complete. Some re-seeding will be necessary in CD 1a due to earlier frost damage. Crops are generally emerging nicely, though slowly due to lack of heat.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week as some areas of surplus moisture dried up. Eighty-eight per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have adequate moisture, compared with 79% last week. On hay and pasture land, 90% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate.

Pasture conditions have improved in the southeast since the end of April when over 20% of reporters rated pastures in their districts as poor or very poor. Only 5% give that rating now, with 56% rating pastures as good to excellent. Earlier frost damage slowed pasture and hay growth. Some farmers continue to supplement slow-growing pastures with extra feed for their stock. Livestock water availability is adequate in all areas.

Heavy weed growth is reported in many areas. Seeding and weed control operations were delayed this past week with the wet weather.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest had a cool, windy week with frost reported in a number of areas. An average of 4 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of less than ½ mm reported in CD 4a, to an average high of 11 mm reported in CD 3asw. The wind caused soil erosion and cut off crops in CDs 3bs and 4b. The wind has also been drying and some areas are in need of rain.

Some seeding progress brought the southwest seeding completion up to 94%. Crop District averages vary between 87 and 99% complete. Crops are emerging but need sunshine. Early-seeded crops are looking less advanced than later-seeded crops. There was some re-seeding of canola in CD 3asw due to earlier frost damage, and re-seeding of mustard and canola is expected in CD 3bs.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly during the past week. Eighty-two per cent of reporters indicated that their districts have adequate moisture, compared with 89% last week. On hay and pasture land, 62% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared with 75% last week.

Pasture conditions have deteriorated since the end of April when 78% of reporters rated conditions as good to excellent. At the end of May, 56% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. The wind has been hard on the pastures which need rain and warmer weather to improve. Livestock water availability is adequate across the southwest.

Spraying operations were delayed because of the wind, though some farmers did get some spraying done. Heavy weed growth is showing up and some summerfallowing has started.

Gophers continue to cause damage in CDs 3asw and 3bs, eating grain crops and alfalfa as they emerge. Badgers caused problems in CD 3bs. Cutworms were reported in CD 3bn as well as suspected brown wheat mites.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was cold, damp, and windy during the past week. An average of 13 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 6 mm reported in CD 6a, to an average high of 20 mm reported in CD 5b. In CD 5b, some farmers estimate they may have lost 10 to 20% of the crops they seeded to flooding.

Limited seeding progress was made this past week to bring east central seeding completion up to 80%. Regional reports vary between 73 and 85% complete. Germination appears to be good, but growth is slow due to the cool weather. Some farmers are talking of changing seeding plans – less flax, more oats, barley, and summerfallow.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week with the precipitation. One-third of reporters indicate that their districts have surplus moisture on crop land. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are similar to the previous week, with 83% of reporters indicating adequate moisture.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when just over one third of reporters rated

conditions as good. At the end of May, 61% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. Certainly warmer weather is needed for more vigourous pasture growth. Supplies of water for livestock are adequate across the region.

Seeding and spraying were slowed this week because of the rain, the cold, and the wind. Weed growth has progressed rapidly despite cool conditions.

Some flea beetles were reported in canola crops in CD 5b.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central regions were cool and windy with some frost this past week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported for the region. Crop Districts 6b and 7b reported the most precipitation, averaging 2 mm. Alfalfa crops are slow to recover from earlier frosts. Heavy showers compacted and crusted some fields in CD 7a. It is unclear at this time how much, if any, damage last week's frost did.

Good seeding progress was made this past week to bring west central seeding completion up to 91%. Crop District reports vary between 88 and 94% complete. Crops are generally emerging very well.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week with 100% of reporters indicating that their districts have adequate moisture. On hay and pasture land, 95% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 22% of reporters rated their pastures as poor to fair. At the end of May, 13% rate them poor to fair. Livestock water availability is adequate across the region.

Spraying this past week was challenging with the strong winds. Farmers were able to get some rock picking, summerfallowing, and chemfallowing done.

Concern was expressed about aphids in trees in CD 6b and their potential movement onto crops. A few grasshoppers were reported in CD 7a.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Cold, windy, and wet described the weather in the northeast during the past week. An average of 12 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 8 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 16 mm reported in CD 8a. In CD 9ae, on Victoria Day, there was a hail storm and an inch of rain, plus tornadoes in the area destroyed trees and a grain bin.

Limited seeding progress was made this past week to bring the northeast seeding completion up to 83%. Crop District reports vary between 77 and 91% complete.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly during the past week with the rainfall. Eighty-two per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have adequate moisture, compared to 84% last week. The balance has surplus moisture. On hay and pasture land, 91% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 100% last week. Again, the balance report surplus moisture.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northeast since the end of April when less than 60% of reporters rated pastures as good to excellent. At the end of May, over 80% give the good to excellent rating. Sunshine would improve the pasture ratings even more. Livestock water supplies are considered adequate across the region.

Windy, wet weather interfered with spraying and seeding.

There are lots of weeds in the region. There were a few sightings of flea beetles in CD 9ae.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest had a cool, windy week, with some rain showers. An average of 8 mm of precipitation was reported across the region. There was a light frost one night last week.

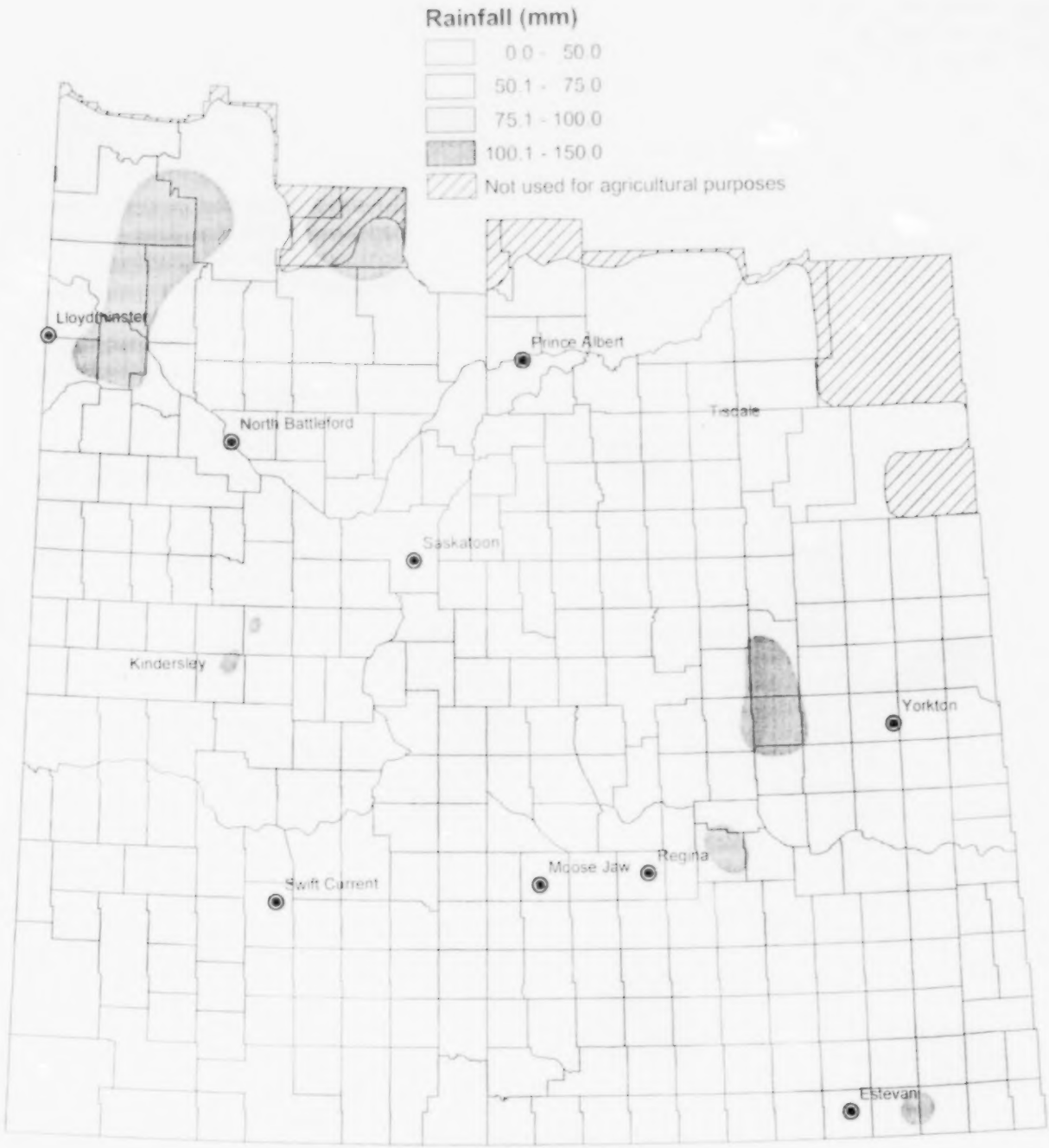
The northwest made the most seeding progress during the past week, bringing seeding completion up to 77%. Crop district reports vary between 69 and 85% complete. Crops are emerging nicely.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop, hay, and pasture land improved during the past week as surplus moisture areas decreased in size. Ninety-six per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have adequate moisture, compared to 77% (crop land) and 97% (hay and pasture land) the previous week.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northwest. At the end of April, 77% of reporters rated pastures in their district in good to excellent condition, while at the end of May, that number was 96%. Livestock water supplies are adequate across the region.

Windy conditions made spraying difficult. Weed infestations are heavy. There is still some baling and combining to do.

Cumulative Rainfall
April 1, 2005
May 28, 2005



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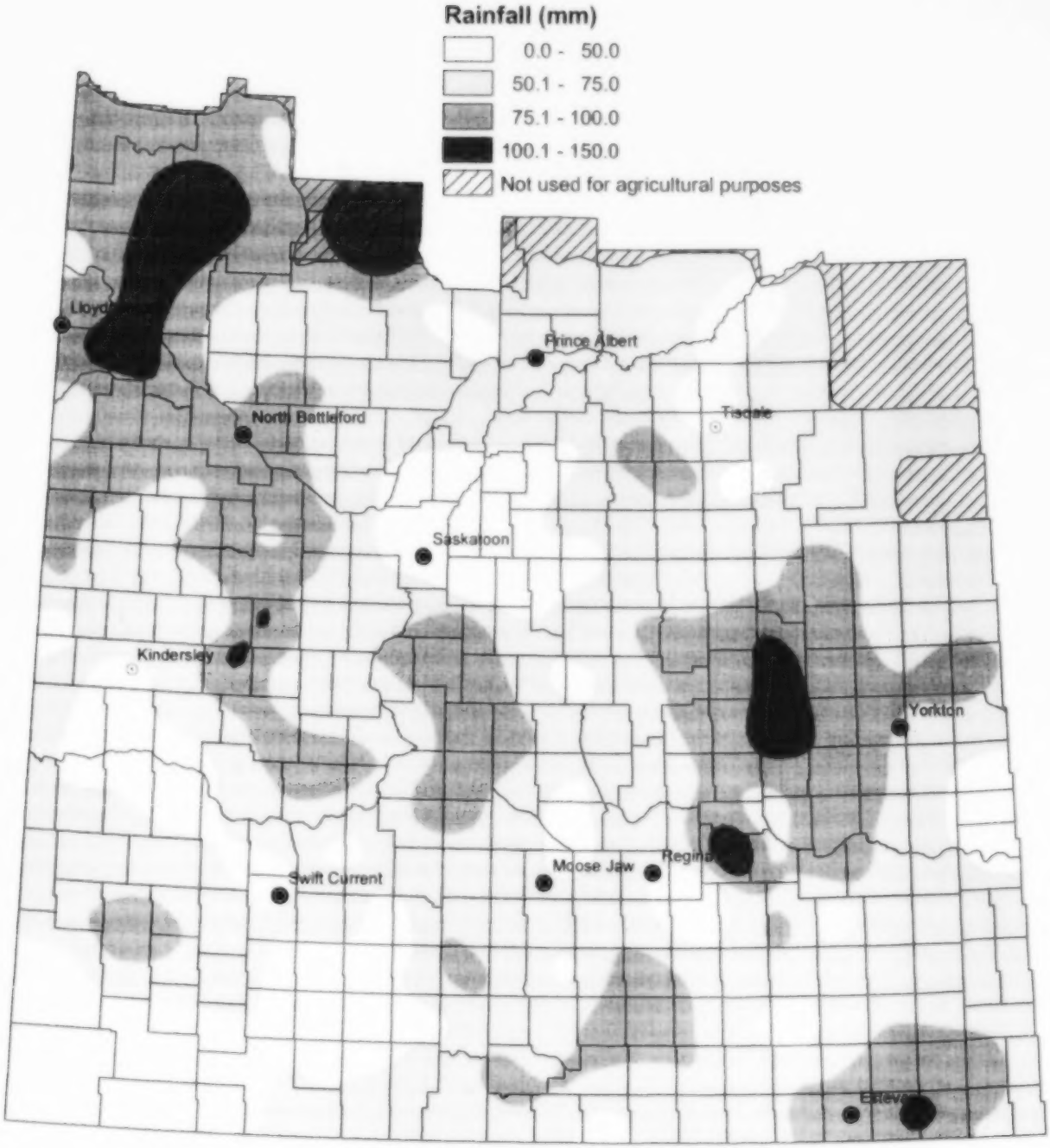

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 29, 2005

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	3	76
	3 B	Enniskillen	7	104
	31	Storthoaks	TR	68
	32	Reciprocity	4	83
	33 A	Moose Creek	NIL	83
	63 A	Moose Mountain	3	69
	64	Brock	4	79
	65	Tecumseh	6	60
1B	91	Maryfield	3	73
	94	Hazelwood	7	56
	95	Golden West	9	63
	123	Silverwood	15	70
	124	Kingsley	12	65
	125	Chester	2	39
	151 A	Rocanville	11	53
	151 B	Rocanville	15	50
	153	Willowdale	9	56
	154	Elcapo	14	52
	155	Wolseley	16	91
2A	36	Cymri	14	72
	66	Griffin	TR	41
	67	Weyburn	10	57
	68	Brokenshell	8	60
	96	Fillmore	10	57
	97	Wellington	13	61
	98	Scott	11	44*
	99	Caledonia	17	98
2B	126	Montmartre	9	80
	127	Francis	11	74
	128	Lajord	8	38
	129	Bratt's Lake	15	63
	131	Baildon	22	75
	156 A	Indian Head	13	76
	156 B	Indian Head	13	76
	157	South Qu'appelle	13	137
	158	Edenwold	17	68
	160	Pense	10	50
	161	Moose Jaw	9	55
	191	Marquis	6	63
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	14	65
	9	Surprise Valley	17	55
	38 B	Laurier	9	80
	39 A	The Gap	11	55
	39 B	The Gap	10	78
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	10	46
	40	Bengough	11	75
	42	Willow Bunch	13	88
	43 A	Old Post	11	69
	43 B	Old Post	13	53
	44	Waverley	10	52
	70	Key West	12	79
	71 A	Excel	12	76
	71 B	Excel	9	62
	71 C	Excel	8	65
	73 A	Stonehenge	8	46
	73 B	Stonehenge	10	67
3AN	101 B	Terrell	14	45
	102	Lake Johnston	12	66
	103	Sutton	8	79
	104	Gravelbourg	3	48
	132	Hillsborough	5	56
	134	Shamrock	5	73
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	76
	194	Enfield	NIL	76
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	2	48
	45	Mankota	4	39
	46 A	Glen Mcpherson	5	51
	46 B	Glen Mcpherson	5	29
	75 A	Pinto Creek	3	26
	75 B	Pinto Creek	3	29
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	31
	76 B	Auvergne	NIL	42
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	48
	78 B	Grassy Creek	TR	34
	78 C	Grassy Creek	NIL	47
	105	Glenbain	6	48
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	27
	107	Lac Pelletier	NIL	43
	108	Bone Creek	2	66
3BN	135	Lawtonia	TR	42
	136	Coulee	NIL	67
	137	Swift Current	NIL	38
	138	Webb	2	68
	166	Excelsior	NIL	48
	167	Sask. Landing	3	62
	225	Canaan	TR	57
	226	Victory	NIL	92
	228 A	Lacadena	NIL	77
	228 B	Lacadena	NIL	46
	255	Coteau	3	60
	257	Monet	1	83
4A	19	Frontier	3	49
	49 A	White Valley	NIL	27
	51	Reno	NIL	32
	79	Arlington	NIL	38
	109 A	Carmichael	TR	81
	109 B	Carmichael	NIL	70
	110	Piapot	NIL	78
	111 A	Maple Creek	TR	50
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	71
	141	Big Stick	2	78
	142	Enterprise	TR	63
	171	Fox Valley	NIL	63
	229	Miry Creek	NIL	45
	231	Happyland	3	49
	232	Deer Forks	NIL	52
5A	152	Spy Hill	9	33
	181	Langenburg	7	31
	183	Fertile Belt	15	57
	184 A	Grayson	14	72
	184 C	Grayson	19	62
	185	Mcleod	22	110
	186	Abernethy	10	81
	187	North Qu'appelle	12	59
	211	Churchbridge	12	44
	213	Saltcoats	15	59
	214	Cana	14	81
	241	Calder	13	60
	245 A	Garry	16	90
	245 B	Garry	63	100
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	20	107
	247	Kellross	13	103
	248	Touchwood	9	78
5B	271	Cote	20	85
	276	Foam Lake	21	108
	277	Emerald	77	97
	303	Keys	13	59
	304	Buchanan	11	67
	307	Elfros	17	94
	308	Big Quill	4	82
	335	Hazel Dell	20	85
	336	Sasman	24	80
	338	Lakeside	5	55
	366 A	Kelvington	14	58
	366 B	Kelvington	24	69
	367	Ponass Lake	10	62
6A	189	Lumsden	13	56
	190 A	Dufferin	22	57
	190 B	Dufferin	6	39
	190 C	Dufferin	14	52
	219 C	Longlaketon	6	56
	220	Mckillop	8	52
	221	Sarnia	4	59
	222	Craik	5	76
	251	Big Arm	3	59
	252	Arm River	1	78
	279 A	Mount Hope	5	58
	279 B	Mount Hope	12	77
	280	Wreford	3	55
	281	Wood Creek	5	46
	282	Mccraney	4	86
	309	Prairie Rose	4	77
	310	Usborne	2	66
	312	Morris	4	55
	339 A	Leroy	4	55
	339 B	Leroy	7	62
	340 A	Wolverine	4	49
	340 B	Wolverine	3	44
	341	Viscount	1	39
	343	Blucher	TR	29
6B	254	Loreburn	4	72
	283	Rosedale	3	95
	284	Rudy	1	79
	285	Fertile Valley	3	73
	286	Milden	NIL	55
	314	Dundurn	4	89
	344	Corman Park	6	50
	345	Vanscoy	NIL	53
	346	Perdue	NIL	73
	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	76
	376 B	Eagle Creek	TR	78
	403	Rosthern	3	38
	404	Laird	3	46
7A	259	Snipe Lake	2	58
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	85
	288	Pleasant Valley	2	109
	290	Kindersley	NIL	45
	292	Milton	NIL	55
	317 B	Marriott	4	103
	317 C	Marriott	NIL	73
	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	70
	318 B	Mountain View	3	87
	319	Winslow	2	61
	320	Oakdale	TR	53
	321	Prairiedale	3	73
	322	Antelope Park	NIL	36
7B	347 A	Biggar	2	72
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	90
	350 A	Mariposa	3	76
	350 B	Mariposa	TR	60
	351	Progress	2	69
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	75
	377 A	Glenside	3	86
	378 A	Rosemount	2	82
	378 B	Rosemount	2	79
	379	Reford	1	85
	380 A	Tramping Lake	2	57
	382	Eye Hill	9	117
	409	Buffalo	7	78
	410	Round Valley	5	86
8A	395	Porcupine	15	53
	397	Barrier Valley	15	69
	398	Pleasantdale	15	88
	428	Star City	19	59
	456	Arborfield	40	62
	457 A	Connaught	11	51
	457 B	Connaught	7	30
	458	Willow Creek	4	53
	486	Moose Range	27	48
	487	Nipawin	9	40
8B	370	Humboldt	7	45
	371	Bayne	9	52
	372	Grant	3	36
	373	Aberdeen	4	36
	399	Lake Lenore	12	73
	402	Fish Creek	3	39
	429 A	Flett's Springs	10	91
	429 B	Flett's Springs	9	55
	430	Invergordon	9	50
	431 A	St. Louis	6	53
	459	Kinistino	13	74
9AE	461	Prince Albert	3	53
	488	Torch River	28	56
9AW	406	Mayfield	2	72
	435	Redberry	4	56
	436	Douglas	2	71
	463	Duck Lake	2	56
	464	Leask	4	68
	466	Meeting Lake	2	77
	467	Round Hill	8	89
	493	Shellbrook	5	47
	494	Canwood	5	52
	496	Spiritwood	5	60
	497	Medstead	4	62
	555	Big River	55	143
9B	438 A	Battle River	5	94
	438 B	Battle River	5	82
	442	Manitou Lake	5	74
	468 B	Meota	15	74
	470	Paynton	2	90
	472	Wilton	6	106
	498 A	Parkdale	5	60
	499	Mervin	10	141
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	8	109
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	4	106
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	7	73
	502	Britannia	10	90
	561	Loon Lake	6	92
	588 A	Meadow Lake	13	71
	588 C	Meadow Lake	16	119
	588 D	Meadow Lake	9	84
	622	Beaver River	13	84

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Crop Districts
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Rural Municipalities